

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Claim 1-13 (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for transporting workpieces in a press, press line, or multi-stage press, the apparatus comprising a number of processing stations, each processing station having an independent transporting apparatus for transporting the workpiece and executing a biaxial transporting movement, ~~the each independent~~ transporting apparatus comprising:

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a drive system including stationary drives and gear wheels, the drive system used for driving a crossmember;

a workpiece-retaining element connected with the crossmember;

first slides with linear guides on which the cross member is mounted; and

a movement-transmission element connected with the crossmember, the movement-transmission element further including a rack drive for carrying out longitudinal, lifting and lowering movements of the first slides for the cross member, a drive for pivotably moving the crossmember, the drive being mounted on the first slides, and two parallel racks driven, via the gear wheels, by the stationary drives, for carrying out longitudinal movement, lifting and lowering movements of the first slides for the crossmember,

wherein said ~~drive system~~ has stationary drives ~~with each acting~~ act on the movement-transmission element, and the stationary drives move the gear wheels coordinately with the movement-transmission element so as to obtain a desired programmable traveling curve of the crossmember.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

D | 17. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 14, further comprising an adjusting and lifting apparatus for lifting and lowering ~~the each independent~~ transporting apparatus.

18. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 14 17, wherein the ~~movement transmission element~~ adjusting and lifting apparatus includes a toothed-belt drive with a toothed-belt pulley.

19. (Previously Added) Apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the movement-transmission element includes a toothed-belt drive with toothed-belt pulley.

20. (Previously Added) Apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the movement-transmission element moves horizontally in the transporting direction.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Canceled)

23. (Previously Amended) Apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the two parallel racks are arranged horizontally.

24. (Previously Amended) Apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the two parallel racks are arranged vertically.

25. (Previously Amended) Apparatus according to claim 14, further comprising second slides, of which lifting and lowering movements are set up by the drive-gearwheels.

25. (Previously Added) Apparatus according to claim 22, further comprising second slides, of which lifting and lowering movements are set up by the drive-gearwheels.

26. (Previously Added) Apparatus according to claim 25, further comprising a shaft

between the gearwheels, wherein the gearwheels are mounted on the second slides, and a first part of the gearwheels is fastened at one end of the shaft and a second part of the gearwheels is fastened at the other end of the shaft.

D, 27. (Previously Added) Apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the first slides include a vertical slide and the second slides include a horizontal slide, the movement-transmission element includes a toothed belt with deflecting rollers, and the toothed belt is connected to the vertical slide via a first fixed point and to the horizontal slide via a second fixed point. --

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